

DEFENSE OF ISLAND OF GUAM.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR DEFENSE  
OF GUAM.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, January 10, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress copy of a communication from the Secretary of War of the 7th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation for "Defense of island of Guam," \$307,000.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE,  
*Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,  
*Washington, January 7, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith for transmission to Congress a supplemental estimate (\$307,000) of appropriation "Defense of island of Guam," required by the War Department for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,  
*Secretary of War.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

## DEFENSE OF ISLAND OF GAUM.

*Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, by the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.*

## WAR DEPARTMENT.

## FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS OF DEFENSE.

## Defense of island of Guam—

Construction of seacoast batteries (submitted) .....	\$142,000
Procurement of land needed as sites for the defensive works (submitted) .....	40,000
Torpedo defense: Including construction of mining casemates, cable galleries, and storehouses, and purchase of torpedo material, necessary floating plant, and appliances (submitted) .....	125,000
Total .....	307,000

NOTE.—This estimate is submitted with the object of fortifying the harbor of San Luis d'Apra, island of Guam, in accordance with the recommendations of a board of officers of the Corps of Engineers as contained in its report dated December 27, 1901. The defenses at this point are urgently needed to protect the newly acquired territory of the United States, and Government property to be stored in this harbor; also to prevent interruption of cable communication between San Francisco and Manila, and the Territory of Hawaii and Manila, San Luis d'Apra being a relay station on the projected Pacific submarine cable. (*G. S. Gillespie, Brigadier-General, Chief of Engineers. U. S. A.*)